

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MARR, PINT, IC  
SUBJECT: QUESTION OF PROGRESSIVES' IDF STAND RAISED IN ALTHING

1. IN ALTHING OCTOBER 20 MAGNUS KJARTANSSON, MEMBER OF FAR-LEFT PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE, ASKED OLAFUR JOHANNESSEN, MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CHAIRMAN PROGRESSIVE PARTY, WHAT PP POSITION WOULD BE IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN RE ENDING OF US MILITARY PRESENCE AND WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY CANDIDATES ON PP LIST WHO WOULD NOT GO ALONG WITH THIS POSITION. SPEAKER OF ALTHING SAID THAT SINCE THIS WAS MATTER THAT DID NOT RELATE TO THE MINISTER'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, QUESTION SHOULD NOT BE ADDRESSED. IN VOTE ON ALLOWING QUESTION, MEASURE WAS DEFEATED 44-2 WITH ONLY PA ALTHING FACTION LEADER (LUDVIK JOSEFSSON) VOTING ALONG WITH KJARTANSSON. OTHER PA MEMBERS EITHER ABSENTED SELVES OR VOTED AGAINST.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST IDF QUESTION TO BE RAISED IN ALTHING SINCE APRIL WHEN, IN RESPONSE TO PA PROVOCATION, FONMIN EINAR AGUSTSSON GAVE PROGRESSIVE PARTY LINE (REYKJAVIK 590). EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT QUESTION TO JOHANNESSEN CAME AS SURPRISE TO ALL IN-

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CLUDING MEMBERS OF PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE. NOT CLEAR WHY KJARTANSSON RAISED IT. HE HAS BEEN ILL AND INCAPACITATED FOR SOME TIME, PERHAPS WITH CANCER OF LYMPH. SOME SAY THIS HAS AFFECTED WHAT WAS ONCE BRILLIANT MIND. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT IN RECENT MONTHS HE HAS BECOME EMBARRASSMENT TO PA. THIS MAY EXPLAIN HASTY RETREAT FROM VOTE BY HIS PA COLLEAGUES.

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